Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

If a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court is opened at Honnali, will not the expenditure be less than what a separate Munsiff's Court would cost ?

First Member of Council.—

The High Court are considering the question.

MR. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—39. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When was the toll-gate near Koppa on the Tirthahalli-Koppa Road established by the Kadur District Board ?

(*b*) What is the length of this road ?

(*c*) What is the mileage in the Kadur jurisdiction ?

(*d*) What is the mileage in the Shimoga jurisdiction ?

(*e*) How many water courses are there across the road in the limits of the Kadur District which are not bridged ?

(*f*) Is it a fact that bus and cart traffic stops on this road in the rainy season on account of these water courses ?

(*g*) Are Government aware that the Tunga River flows across this road near Tirthahalli without a bridge ?

(*h*) Are Government aware of the fact that in the rainy season, the raiyats of Muttur Hobli of the Tirthahalli Taluk and those of a portion of the Koppa Hobli are prevented from travelling on this road ?

(*i*) Do the officers and members of the Kadur District Board know of these difficulties ?

(*j*) If so, have they expressed their views before the Board ?

(*k*) Have they intimated to the Board and to Government the difficulties experienced by the people of Muttur Hobli, Tirthahalli Taluk and Koppa Kasaba Hobli, by the establishment of this toll-gate ?

(*l*) What is their opinion regarding the abolition of the above toll-gate even now ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) From 1st February 1933.

(*b*) Fifteen miles.

(*c*) Five miles.

(*d*) Ten miles.

(*e*) There are two *hallas*.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) Yes.
(*h*) Yes.
(*i*) They are reported to know them.
(*j*), (*k*) and (*l*) Government have no information.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

It is clear from the answer furnished that the portion of the road lying in the Kadur District is only five miles long and within that short distance, there are two *hallas*. In view of this, is it fair to have a toll-gate near Koppa?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

It is a District Board toll-gate and Government have no information that it has resulted in any hardship to the people. No representation has been received so far from the people.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

If people represent their difficulties in the matter, will the Government remove the toll-gate?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

Government will consider any representations received.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

What was the resolution of the Board when the question was placed before them?

Second Member of Council.—

The District Board sent up a recommendation to the effect that the toll-gate might be established near Koppa and Government sanctioned that recommendation.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

Cannot the Government now abolish the toll-gate in view of the inconveniences now brought to notice?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a matter for the District Board to consider.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

Even if the District Board are not willing to abolish the toll-gate, cannot the Government interfere in the matter and see that it is abolished ?

Second Member of Council.—

No. The Shimoga District Board may make representations to the Kadur District Board.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Is it true that though the Kadur District Board were not willing to have the toll-gate, they were forced by the Government to open it ?

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda. –

I also understand that Government have forced the Kadur District Board to open the said toll-gate.

Second Member of Council.—

No. The Kadur District Board passed a resolution to the effect that there should be a toll-gate near Koppa to improve their revenues and Government accorded sanction to it.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

As this toll-gate causes great hardship to the people of Shimoga District, cannot Government order its abolition ? If the District Board had constructed bridges on the *hallas*, they would have been justified in opening a toll-gate.

First Member of Council.—

The idea seems to be that there should be bridges on the road. Probably the bridge across the Tunga river at Tirthahalli will be the first work to be taken up under the programme of bridge construction.

Dewan.—

This discussion will be brought to the notice of the Kadur District Board.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

When the Government knew that the road was in a bad condition, was it not their duty to ask the Kadur District Board first to effect necessary repairs to it and then levy tolls ?

Second Member of Council.—

Repair of roads is a different matter.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

Then, what was the object of levying tolls ?

Second Member of Council.—

They wanted money for carrying out road maintenance works.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

What is the probable annual income from the toll-gate ?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

With reference to the answer furnished to sub-sections (*j*), (*k*) and (*l*), will the Government obtain the information and furnish the same to the House ?

Second Member of Council.—

The information may be obtained from the District Board direct.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab.—

To what head are the realisations from the toll-gate credited ?

Second Member of Council.—

To the District Board Budget.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab.—

Would this money be spent for any special purposes ?

Second Member of Council.—

The District Board must decide that point. This is a district fund toll-gate and whatever decision they arrive at will be perfectly in order.

REPRESENTATIONS—(*Concluded*).

No. 9.—Levy of dry assessment in lieu of wet assessment.
Mr. Chennaraya Reddy, Chikballapur Taluk.